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Title of Invention: Solution Phase Biopolymer Synthesis
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1. (Amended) A liquid phase carrier (LPC) of formula $Sp(X^1)_n$, wherein:
Sp is a polyvalent group that has more than two points of attachment, n is the number of points of attachment in Sp and X^1 is a reactive group for synthesis [synthesis] of biopolymers.

33. A method of solution phase biopolymer synthesis, comprising
20 the steps of:

- (a) reacting an LPC of formula $Sp(X^1)_n$ with a first monomer N^1 ;
(b) separating and purifying the product of step (a) to afford a compound of formula $Sp(X^1-N^1)_n$;
(c) reacting the product of step (b) with a second monomer N^2 , a
25 dimer N^2-N^3 or a trimer $N^2-N^3-N^4$; and
(d) repeating steps (b) and (c) to produce an LPC-bound biopolymer of formula $Sp(X^1-N^1-N^2-...-N^m)_n$, where m is 3 to 100, wherein:
Sp is a polyvalent group that has more than two points of attachment, n corresponds to the number of points of attachment in Sp
30 and X^1 is a reactive group for biopolymer synthesis;
 $N^1, N^2, N^3...N^m$ are biopolymer monomers; and

the dimers and trimers comprise the monomers.

48. A method of solution phase biopolymer synthesis, comprising
35 the steps of:

- (a) reacting an LPC of formula $Sp(X^1)_n$ with a first monomer N^1 ;
(b) separating and purifying the product of step (a) to afford a compound of formula $Sp(X^1-N^1)_n$;
(c) reacting the product of step (b) with a second monomer N^2 , a
5 dimer N^2-N^3 or a trimer $N^2-N^3-N^4$; and
(d) repeating steps (b) and (c) to produce an LPC-bound biopolymer of formula $Sp(X^1-N^1-N^2-...-N^m)_n$, where m is 3 to 100, wherein:
Sp is a polyvalent group that has two or more points of attachment, n corresponds to the number of points of attachment in Sp
10 and X^1 is a reactive group for biopolymer synthesis;
 $N^1, N^2, N^3...N^m$ are biopolymer monomers;
the dimers and trimers comprise the monomers; and
the protocol used in steps (c) and (d) to synthesize the biopolymer, preferably the oligonucleotide, is the phosphoramidite protocol.

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